

City of Rockville Commission on the Environment
December 11, 2007 Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Faith Klareich (FK), Seth Adams (SA), Michelle Clark (MC), David Davis (DD), Kris Dighe (KD), Beri Kravitz (BK), Tolulope Odunlami (TO), Geoff Sanders (GS) and Sura Yakowitz (SY).

Absent: None.

Also in attendance: Staff Liaison Nate Wall (NW); Dave Soltis (DS) – EMS consultant to the City.

1. Welcome, News and Agenda Review

The meeting was called to order at 7:34 pm in the Blue Crab Room at Rockville City Hall.

FK thanked everyone for their work on the Commission over the past year, and invited them to partake of the festive snacks.

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes

No minutes to approve this month – all minutes will be approved at the January meeting.

3. Citywide EMS

NW introduced DS, stating that he was a consultant working for the City on creating an Environmental Management System (EMS). Rockville decided to create an EMS specifically to track our environmental regulatory obligations – things we must do by law. Many EMSs are designed to propel an organization beyond compliance; Rockville decided to use the Sustainability Strategy as a vehicle for setting those types of environmental goals, with the EMS reserved for environment regulations.

DS presented the draft EMS to the Commission – see EMS presentation for additional information.

4. Green Building Program Development

FK began by reviewing the results of the Dec. 10th Mayor & Council meeting where they unanimously endorsed the start of the green building program development. At that meeting, the three phases of the process were described, with the Environment Commission leading the initial stakeholder data gathering and discussions in Phase 1, City Staff presenting a draft program to stakeholders based on Commission recommendations in Phase 2, and the official Mayor & Council public process and ordinance adoption in Phase 3.

FK would like to start gathering data in preparation of the stakeholder meetings, to be held in January and February. The Commission will also want to determine which stakeholders to invite to which meetings, and send out personalized invites to various sectors so that they all understand why they specifically have been invited.

FK mentioned taking the State energy use for average commercial, residential, etc. and join that with the property layer in GIS to get an estimate/baseline of energy use in Rockville.

SY mentioned that CBECS had a simple chart of buildings, square footage, and energy use that Silvio had uncovered. GS to send out link to data.

5. RORZOR Draft Zoning Ordinance

FK reminded everyone that comments were due to her by Friday (12/14). She will compile all comments and submit to the Planning Division.

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6. Working Group Updates

Watershed Protection Working Group

KD said they were meeting next week to consolidate comments on the Stormwater Utility Fee ordinance and the stormwater regulations. The Adopt-A-Stream presentation will be given in January.

High Performance Building Working Group

There was a joint meeting of the HPB and Outreach working groups on December 4th to brainstorm stakeholder group membership and sketch out the stakeholder process for the green building program creation.

Outreach Working Group

Would like to continue work with Graphics/Communications team on outreach materials. NW briefly described the process that the Environmental Management Division was going through, and will bring an update to the group in January.

7. Wrap-Up and Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 9:01 pm.